

# Old Stone Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Organized 1783



December 3, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.

First Sunday of Advent

(also broadcast over WRON ~ 1400 AM or 103.1 FM)

## Welcome!

We welcome you to Old Stone Presbyterian Church. We hope that you will enjoy the beauty, simplicity, and inspiration which has sustained worship within these walls for over 200 years.

Children are valued and nurtured here at Old Stone Presbyterian Church. During worship a nursery is provided for children three years of age or younger and children from age four – middle school are welcomed to attend Sunday School after the Time with Young Church. If your children would like to stay in the worship service, we celebrate that, too.

They might not always understand what is going on or being said, but they can understand that this is a place where they are loved, accepted, and needed.

We are not only a historic church, we are an active, living congregation with fellowship, education, outreach, and music programs.

Are you interested in learning more about the life of faith? Would you like to know more about what it means to be a part of a community of faith? Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a part of the life of Old Stone Presbyterian Church? We hope that you will ask and look forward to talking with you.

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Prayer after Communion

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve you. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn #8 "Lift Up Your Heads, ye Mighty Gates" TRURO

\*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you**

\*Benediction Response "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," verse 4 CAROL

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years comes 'round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

Postlude

\* All who are able, please stand

**The View from the Organ Bench**, by Bridgett Armentrout-Edwards

The first Sunday in Advent is the "Hope" Sunday. It opens up a period of watching and waiting for the Messiah. God's people long for the prophecy to come true that a Savior is coming. The Prelude, Offertory and Postlude are all German Choral Preludes for the Advent season. Today's music reflects the themes of watching, waiting and hoping.

The Prelude is "Es ist gewißlich an der Zeit" by J. S. Bach (1685-1750) translated "The Day is Surely Drawing Nigh". The Offertory is "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748) translated "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying" and the Postlude is "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland" by Nikolaus Vetter (1666-1710) translated "Come, Thou Savior of Our Race".

Music for Reflection is "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (hymn tune: *Picardy*) and music selections during Communion are "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending" (hymn tune: *Helmsley*) listed under Scriptural Allusions for Mark 13:24-37 and "Lord Christ, on Thee My Hope is Stayed" harmonized by J.S. Bach (hymn tune: *Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*).

*Each Sunday we hearken back to the words inscribed on the portal of  
Old Stone Presbyterian Church*

THIS BUILDING WAS ERECTED IN THE YEAR 1796 AT THE EXPENCE OF A FEW OF  
THE FIRST INHABITANTS OF THIS LAND TO COMMEMORATE THEIR  
AFFECTION & ESTEEM FOR THE HOLY GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST  
READER IF YOU ARE INCLINED TO APPLAUD THEIR VIRTUES  
GIVE GOD THE GLORY

Striking of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

*(Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor)*

Minute for Mission, Angel Tree

Grace Coffindaffer

Introit

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

*Amy, Nixon, Jeb, Grace, and Asa Brown*

Prayer in Response (unison)

**Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations.  
Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the  
glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and savior, who lives and  
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and  
ever. Amen. Let us Walk in the Light of the Lord!**

\*Hymn #9

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. We  
study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your reign. We  
trust in things that pass away and forget your eternal promise.  
Forgive us, God of grace. Strengthen us so that we may be ready for  
that day when you come to reign in glory; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord we pray, Amen.**

\*Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

**world without end. Amen.**

Time with the Young Church

*(afterwards all children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger are dismissed for Sunday School)*

\*Hymn #5

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

PICARDY

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Mark 13: 24 - 27

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Anthem

“People Look East”

Sermon

“Those Days?”

Musical Interlude

*(you are invited to use this time for prayer and personal reflection)*

\*Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

**Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.**

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

Hymn #592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Lifegiving God, your word speaks in the void, calling into being things that are not, inviting us to share your work of creation. We thank you for the ages long of gathering stars and cooling earth, of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder. We thank you for those with whom we share the world, for their lives so similar and so different from our own, and the richness they reveal.

We thank you for the Son of Man, formed from Mary’s flesh and nurtured by her faith; he walked the growing earth and proclaimed a fearless kingdom of bird and lily, child and stranger, the beggar and the blind.

On the cross he joined the labor of all creation’s yearning; in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of God; he gives the Holy Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

With all that has life through him and all who hope for a new creation we share the song of love which sounds from all eternity:

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, these earthly things, that they may be to us the body and blood of Jesus Christ; who offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

We come to him in whom all is created in heaven and earth, whose cross and resurrection make all things new. We offer this to you, asking you to smile upon the gifts we bring, for you alone are the Giver and Christ’s the gift through which we live once and for all.

Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of the God who fills all in all now and forever, and in whose words we pray, **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

**Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight

Organist: Bridgett Edwards

Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor

Sound Technician: John Rodgers

Youth Lay Reader: Andrew McLaughlin

Nursery Assistant: Fielding Foster

Acolyte: Ashley Meadows

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**The Week Ahead**

**TODAY, Sunday November 26**

11:00 Worship

Noon Santa Brunch

12:30 Handbell practice

**MONDAY**

10:00 – 1:00 APS Office Hours

4:00 – 5:00 APS Office Hours

**TUESDAY**

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

3:00 – 5:00 STAIR

**WEDNESDAY**

10:30 Preschool Chapel

11:00 – 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study

3:00 – 5:00 APS Office Hours

3:00 – 5:00 Logos

6:00 Session Meeting

**THURSDAY**

8:00 – 10:00 Wild Bean Office Hours

12:30 Presbyterian Women’s Council

3:00 – 5:00 STAIR

**SUNDAY, December 10**

9:45 Refreshments- Activity Room

10:00 Sunday School for All Ages

10:00 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 Worship

5:00 Logos & PYC Program

Today’s flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Munir Yarid by Yvette Yard